

## Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

### Minutes

May 17, 2011

Prepared by: Jeff Schwartz

#### ATTENDEES

##### Members

Paul Allen (WSSC), ex officio  
Ginny Barnes  
Mark Buscaino  
Andrew Der  
Ken Ferebee  
Kim Knox  
Dan Landry  
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio  
Caren Madsen  
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio  
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio  
David Plummer (MSCD), ex officio  
David Post  
Jeff Schwartz

Linda Silversmith

Kevin Smith

Dan Snyder

##### Absent members

Norman Mease  
Sarah Navid, (DPS) ex officio  
Michael Norton  
Bryan Straathof  
Clark Wagner

##### Others attending

Stan Edwards, DEP  
Dale Tibbitts, Council staff

#### MINUTES

- I. Minutes of April 26, 2011 meeting:** reviewed and approved; Mark B. motion/Kevin Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>; minutes passed.

- The committee discussed where the minutes and letters are currently being archived and concluded that it should be online.
- Laura Miller to **take action**, put recent past letters on website.

**II. Letter to Leggett re: PSC-PEPCO matters**

- Caren read letter aloud for all present
- Linda S. motion to accept/Ginny B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Passes. Dan L. and Laura M. abstain

**III. Letter to Board of Committees**

- One member suggested a letter be drafted to the BCC to re-visit the emails, voting, online in between meetings.
- There were some discussions and comments on this topic.
- Mark B. and Linda to **take action** to prepare draft letter.

**IV. Round-table discussion about current Forestry/Environmental community events**

The following items were briefly discussed:

- A situation with clearing work related to gas line ROW's
- The MNCPPC/WSSC grant working on 7 acres of reforestation. Additional volunteer groups (of 20 or more people) are encouraged to commit to this project.
- The Blueridge Center for Environmental Stewardship needs new members. For more information see their website at: [www.blueridgecenter.org](http://www.blueridgecenter.org).

**V. Montgomery County Street trees**

- Brett L. gave a backlog report
- Estimates ONLY, as of 5/1: 1770 Removals, 1300-1400 prune, 3300 stump removals, 2500 planting
- 7 month backlog for new inspections
- Currently only have 2 inspectors
- Some suggest that the Committee make the Council aware of the front end costs vs. the back end costs when routine maintenance is not performed.

**VI. Speakers for the Committee meetings**

Possible upcoming speakers include:

- Tina Snyder, Urban tree planting program
- Marian Honezcy, MD DNR
- Forest Stewardship Program?
- Jeanne Kavinski, Holly Thomas, Carole Bergman Mont. Co. Dept of Parks

**VII. Meeting with Ike Leggett**

- Ginny B. and Caren M. gave report about a private meeting with the CE.
- They updated the CE on their progress with the Development & Environmental communities working towards a new tree ordinance and/or FCL law revisions.

**VII. Meeting adjourned.**